

GRAND CANYON INN & NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS,
DISTRICT RANGER RESIDENCE

HABS No. AZ-144-C

(Grand Canyon Inn & National Park Headquarters, Building 102)
Santa Fe River, Intersection of Canyon & Cerro Gordo Roads
Grand Canyon
Coconino County
Arizona

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Location:	National Park Administrative Area, Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim, Coconino County, Arizona
UTM Reference:	12/403700/4008100
Date of Construction:	1931
Present Owner:	U.S. Department of the Interior
Present Occupant:	National Park Service
Present Use:	Residence
Significance:	This residence was the most impressive of the North Rim Headquarters residences and remains so today. It has had only two minor alterations, of no permanent character.
Prepared By:	John P. White
Project Information:	Project prepared in 1982 under the direction of the National Park Service, Western Region, Marjorie Baer, historian. The team comprised project supervisor John P. White (Associate Professor of Architecture, Texas Tech University), architects Linda Kay Heinrich and Paula Beth Miller (Virginia Tech), and student architect Deborah Rehn Hurst (Washington University, St. Louis). Richard Frear was photographer.

I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This residence was built by the National Park Service in 1931 and was the most impressive of the North Rim Headquarters residences.

II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Merit and Interest: This residence, with its garage, is a part of the harmonious grouping of buildings in the headquarters area.
2. Condition of Fabric: Good

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: This four-bay, one story, rectangular building with an ell extension is approximately twenty-five feet by forty feet.
2. Foundation: Stone.
3. Wall construction, finish, color: Wooden clapboard siding, painted brown.
4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame.
5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc: There is a one-bay porch in the north front at the principal entrance. The gable roof is supported by two log columns on each side and there is an engaged log column at the face of the house. The porch has a wooden board floor and beaded wooden board ceiling. A wooden railing, with top and bottom rail, and small log balusters, is across each end. There is a small, uncovered porch on the south façade. The wooden porch has three steps and a simple wooden handrail. There is a small concrete bulkhead, with wooden door, on the south side, near the center, leading into the crawl space.
6. Chimneys: There is an end projecting fireplace and chimney on the east façade. The large stone chimney splays in as it extends from the ground through the overhanging eave. There is a tall rectangular metal flue, with raincap extending above the stone chimney. There is a stone chimney projecting through the roof, near the center of the house, which has a round metal flue, with raincap, extending above the stone. Another stone chimney extends through the roof on the south side of the gable, near the east end.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: The main entrance is through a doorway from the front porch to the living room. The wooden door has a simple panel in approximately the lower two-thirds and a glass panel in the upper one-third. There is a wooden sill and threshold. The rear doorway leads into a utility room and has a wooden door with three horizontal panels below a glass panel at the top. The doorway has a wooden framed screen door and wooden sill and threshold.
- b. Windows and shutters: Wooden windows have six-light casement sashes and single-light hopper sashes. There is a wooden louver vent in the gable end of the west façade.

8. Roof:

- a. Shapes, covering: The gable roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Open eaves, with brackets on the eaves at gable ends.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: The main entrance, in the center of the north façade, leads into the living room. The living room has a triple window on the north wall and a window on each side of the fireplace on the east wall. The large stone fireplace has a large log mantel supported on each end by a stone bracket. There is a half-round metal hood directed above the firebox opening and a stone hearth. A doorway on the south wall, near the east end, opens into the kitchen. The kitchen, which extends out to the east from the main house, has a double window on the north wall, a single window on the east wall and a double window above the cabinet counter on the south wall. The cabinet extends along the south wall and makes an ell, extending part way along the east wall. A doorway in the extreme south end of the west wall leads into the utility room. There are two windows on the south wall and a doorway leading to the exterior. The utility room houses the furnace and water heater. A doorway in the south corner of the west wall leads into the hallway. The short hallway has two doorways on the west wall leading into two bedrooms, and a doorway at the south end leading into the bathroom. The northwest bedroom has a double window near the center of the north end west walls. A doorway on the east leads into a closet. The closet has a small hopper sash window on the north wall. The southwest bedroom has a double window near the center of the south and west walls. There is a doorway on the east wall leading into a small closet, which has a small hopper sash window on

the south wall. The bathroom has a window on the south wall over the bathtub.

2. Flooring: Wooden floors are covered in carpet in all rooms the kitchen and bath, which have vinyl asbestos tile covering, and the utility room, which has linoleum covering.
3. Walls and ceiling finish: Gypsum board walls and ceilings are in all rooms, except the utility room, which has fiberboard walls and ceilings with wooden battens. The kitchen, bathroom and living room are painted white; the northwest bedroom, pale blue; the southwest bedroom, pale green. The walls around the bathtub have laminated plastic covering.
4. Doorways and doors: Wooden doors have five horizontal panels.
5. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating: Oil-fired forced air heating.
 - b. Plumbing: Modern plumbing features.
 - c. Lighting: Lighting fixtures in the bedrooms have a metal base with pastel colored flower garlands embossed in the metal and an opal-glass shade. Two lighting fixtures in the living room are decorative cast metal, with four bare light bulbs suspended downward from each fixture. Fluorescent lighting fixtures in the kitchen. There is a black wrought iron hanging fixture, with frosted glass panels, on the front porch.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: The residence sits on the south side of the road leading into the administrative area, facing north. The house is sited among ponderosa pine, fir and aspen trees. Directly across the road on the north, is another small residence. There is an asphalt-paved patio on the south side with a concrete block outdoor grille.
2. Outbuildings: The garage is a one-story rectangular building, approximately eighteen feet by twenty feet, wooden frame with clapboard siding, resting on a stone foundation. The gable roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal. There is a doorway for a vehicle on the west wall, which has double wooden batten doors. The garage extends the length of the building on the south side, and there is a small room across the north side. The room is entered by a doorway on the east, which has a two-tier, four-panel wood door. There is a doorway on the west with a wooden batten door. The interior of the room

has plywood walls and ceilings, and the wooden floor is covered with linoleum. There is a window on the north wall with a wooden, four-light hopper sash. There is a similar window on the east wall of the garage. An asphalt paved driveway leads up to the garage.

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